

Should MIT go vegan? *PETA VP spars with MIT Debate Team*

By **Jingyun Fan**
NEWS EDITOR

Bruce Friedrich, the vice-president of policy and government affairs for People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), debated the ethics of eating meat with the MIT Debate Team on Monday night in 10-250. Shireen S. Rudina '13, the debate team's vice president of tournaments, argued against Friedrich's proposal that eat-

ing meat is unethical under all circumstances.

Instead of the suit and

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Opinion column from Bruce Friedrich, PETA VP. **p. 4**

He started the debate with a speech arguing that a vegetarian lifestyle is ethical for

typical of vice presidents, Friedrich was dressed simply in tan khakis and a red dress shirt.

environmental, energy, and animal-cruelty reasons.

"Vegetarianism is simply a matter of aligning your values with your actions," Friedrich said.

"How many people believe that animals should be legally protected from abuse?" Friedrich asked. The majority of the audience in 10-250 raised their hands. Americans almost unani-

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NICHOLAS CHORNAV—THE TECH

Shireen S. Rudina '13 of the MIT Parliamentary Debate Team debates the ethics of eating meat with PETA Vice President of Policy Bruce Friedrich. The two presented their opposing arguments Monday night to a packed 10-250. Not surprisingly, neither was convinced to concede the point.

Joichi Ito named new Media Lab Director



COURTESY OF THE MIT MEDIA LAB

Joichi "Joi" Ito was named as the new director of the MIT Media Lab in an announcement yesterday. He will be the fourth director of the Media Lab, founded in 1985. Ito will take over the directorship from Franklin H. Moss PhD '77, who has held the position for the past five years.

Despite having attended both Tufts University and the University of Chicago, Ito holds no college degrees. He studied computer science at Tufts and physics at UChicago, but ultimately left academia, citing as his motivation: "I once asked a professor to explain the solution to a problem so I could understand it more intuitively. He said, 'You can't understand it intuitively. Just learn the formula so you'll get the right answer.' That was it for me."

Ito has held key leadership positions in internet organizations like the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) and Creative Commons. Through his funding and support for a number of issues, he has established himself as a great advocate of internet freedom and privacy. Ito also sits on the board of directors of the Mozilla Foundation, WITNESS (a human rights organization), and Global Voices (a blogger network focused on free speech).

MIT Provost L. Rafael Reif said that Ito is "the right person to lead the Media Lab today," calling him "an innovative thinker who understands the tremendous potential of technology and, in particular, the Internet, to influence education, business, and society in general."

On his blog, Ito expresses that he is "happy and honored" to be the new director and is delighted to have finally "found [his] tribe."

"Everyone was super-smart, driven," and "working on very cool stuff," he wrote in the blog. "They weren't afraid to try anything." He describes feeling "at home" in the lab, as it is a "place where [he] can focus ... but still have a tremendous ability to work with the team ... [to] impact the world in a substantial and positive way." Ito says he is looking forward to doing outreach for the Media Lab by introducing his network of colleagues to the lab through the Internet and encouraging sponsors to visit MIT.

Ito's blog can be found at <http://joi.ito.com/>.

—Jessica J. Pourian

45 student teams compete for \$15K *MIT Global Challenge added to annual IDEAS Competition*

By **Deborah Chen**
STAFF REPORTER

Forty-five teams competed for \$15,000 last night in the final round of MIT's Innovation, Development, Enterprise, Action and Service (IDEAS) Competition, spelling out their vision to make the world a better place. The annual competition focuses on innovation in the realm of public service. Teams entered projects in fields ranging from health care and education to food production, with many focusing on the challenges of world poverty and international development.

"I'm really excited by the diversity in the types of projects this year," said Raj Melville MBA '77, a returning judge from the Deshpande Foundation.

"There's definitely a lot of energy and potential here."

This year marks the 10th anniversary of the MIT's IDEAS Competition, and the first year of the MIT Global Challenge, which was created by the Public Service Center and the MIT Alumni Association as a tie-in to MIT150. One of the new features of the MIT Global Challenge allows registered users to vote for their favorite teams online, with the top five teams receiving \$5000 each. The two competitions will reward up to \$150,000 in funding to the various winning teams. This year, turnout was up 20 percent from previous years, according to Kate Mytty, program coordinator.

Projects

Many teams were excited about

the opportunities the competitions offered.

"The IDEAS Competition is awesome," said Archit N. Bhise '13 of InnoHealth, "It's a great opportunity to get feedback, and with the funding, we can go back to India and deploy our project in more places to really get it working." InnoHealth is a partnership with the Indian NGO Society for Nutrition, Education, and Health Action (SNEHA) to develop a web-based system to efficiently direct hospital patients to the best facility for their needs in Mumbai, India.

Coyin Oh '14, a member of GrubCycle, said, "I really liked that the competition gives us a chance to create

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Broad Institute extension approved

Early last week, the Broad Institute Board of Directors authorized plans to construct a Broad Institute extension. Alan Fein, executive vice president and deputy director of the Broad Institute, delivered the news in an email sent to the Broad community last Friday. According to the email, the Planning Board of the City of Cambridge approved the external appearance of the building on April 12. The transcript of the meeting is not yet available.

The extension will be built at 75 Ames St. in the empty lot behind the Broad Institute's central 7 Cambridge Center campus. The extension would consolidate the functions of three existing Broad buildings — located at 320 Charles St., 301 Binney St., and 5 Cambridge Center — which have leases expiring in the next 3–4 years. The new building will have more total space than all of the buildings being replaced. An April 7 application to the Planning Board proposes 250,000 square feet of gross floor area at the 75 Ames building, including ground floor retail/restaurant space.

According to Fein's email, tax-exempt bonds are on sale this week to finance the project.

"This project is a collaborative effort involving many Broadies and it is now becoming a reality," wrote

Fein.

"I thank all who have contributed to its success thus far, and look forward to sharing further updates in the coming months."

—Pearle Lipinski



SOURCE: ELKUS/MANFREDI ARCHITECTS

The proposed Broad Institute extension will have 250,000 square feet of lab, office, and ground floor retail space.

IN SHORT

The fall class schedule is available online at <http://student.mit.edu/catalog/index.cgi>. Start planning your classes!

Freshmen must declare their major this Friday, April 29, if they plan on declaring this year.

Free breakfast every day this week on the Student Center steps from 8:30–10 a.m. to celebrate Wellness Week!

Bon Appétit, the dining company that will continue to supply meals to MIT cafeterias in the fall, will be giving info sessions about their food this coming week in each dining hall. Sessions will be held at Next on April 26 at 8:30 p.m.; McCormick on April 27 at 8 p.m.; and Simmons on April 28 at 8 p.m. They are expected to last one hour.

The inaugural Service Cup was awarded to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity for their help with Habitat for Humanity, the Museum of Science, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

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TO EAT MEAT OR NOT TO EAT MEAT

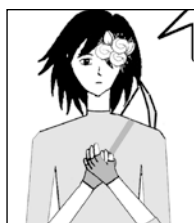
PETA Vice President of Policy chimes in on *The Tech's* opinion pages. **OPINION, p. 4**

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5.111 professor explains her desire to educate. **CAMPUS LIFE, p. 9**

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Why the attempt could have been a lot, lot better. **OPINION, p. 4**



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A classic *Tech* cartoon comes to an end. **FUN, p. 5**

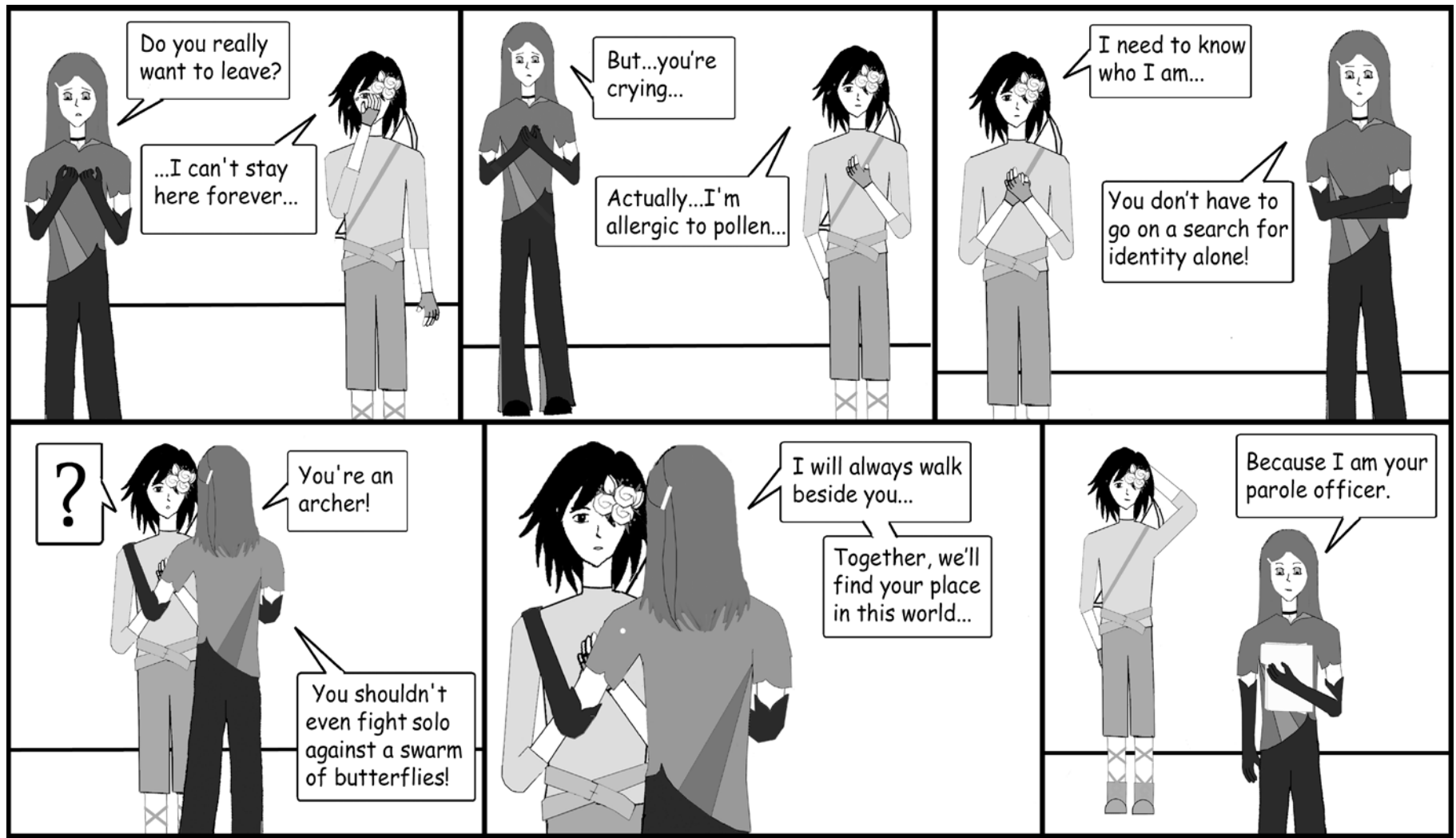
CYCLING EXTENDS LEAD IN N.H.

Cycling team is leading the ECCC with 570 points over Harvard. **SPORTS, p. 15**

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Somewhere on the Search for Meaning... by Letitia Li



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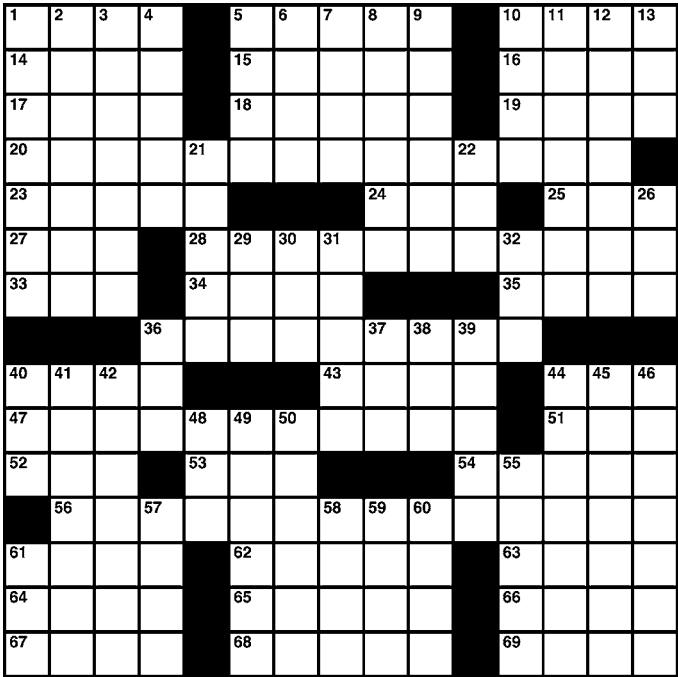
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66 See 63-Across
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68 Gunslinger's "Hands up!"
69 Afternoon TV fare

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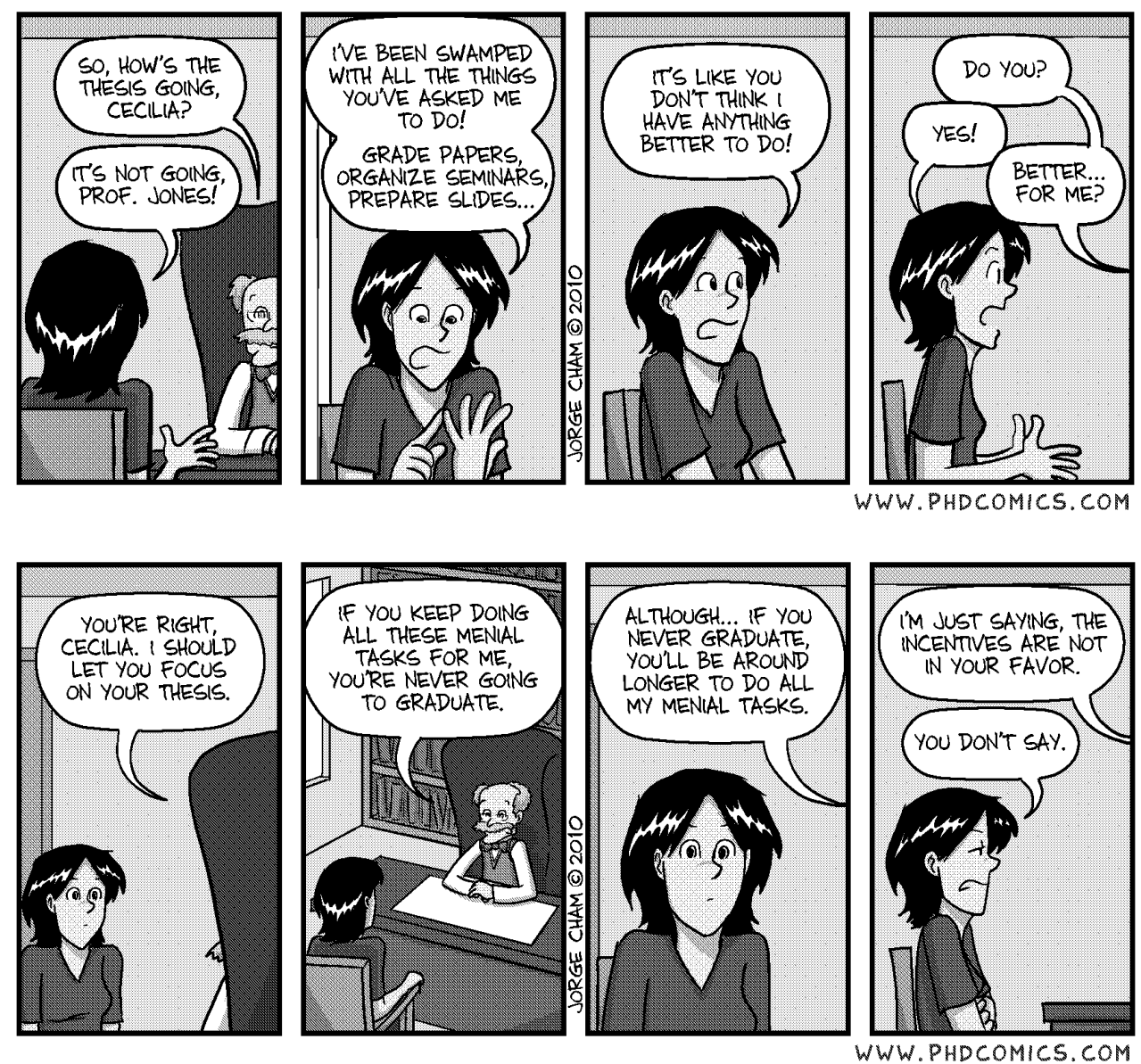
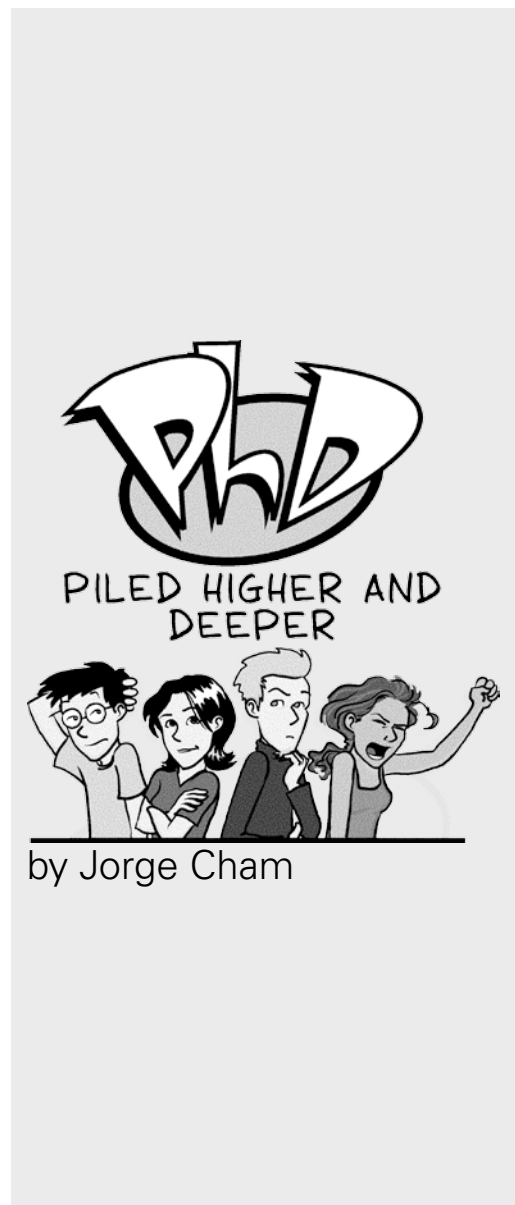


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by Jerry Holkins
and Mike Krahulik

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Sudoku

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Techdoku

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Instructions: Fill in the grid so that each column and row contains exactly one of each of the numbers 1–6. Follow the mathematical operations for each box.

Institute Double Take



by Nicholas Chornay
STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The limited dynamic range of a camera can often pose difficulties for the photographer, but in certain situations, it can also create artistic possibilities.

This photograph was shot from the interior of MIT Medical, looking upwards and west towards the setting sun. The small aperture maximizes the depth of field, keeping

the image sharp throughout. The exposure was chosen to correctly expose the sunlit areas while throwing the shadows into a deep black.

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Afterhours with Beth Taylor

Chem professor discusses her German roots and how she got into teaching

By Maeve Cullinane
STAFF COLUMNIST

Elizabeth Vogel Taylor PhD '07 loves her role as an instructor at MIT. Since MIT instructors don't run their own labs, they get to focus all of their time on teaching, which Taylor does, both in the 5.111 (Principles of Chemical Science) classroom and also in her work developing chemistry teaching tools. She spoke with *The Tech* about why she enjoys teaching chemistry and trying to teach German to her baby daughter.

The Tech: I'm curious if you can speak German. Your maiden name means "bird" in German, and I read that you met your husband on a trip to Germany.

Elizabeth Vogel Taylor: It is German. I'm actually mostly Irish, but I'm also German. I don't speak much German; I took it a little bit in high school. My husband is actually fluent in German, so hopefully our daughter will be as well. My husband speaks to her sometimes in German, and originally we thought he would speak to her all the time in German, but when you say baby things you tend to just say them in your own language. She's only nine months old now, anyway.

I actually did meet my husband in Germany. We love to travel there. When I met my husband we were in Berlin, and then about two years ago we took a really long bike trip along the Danube. Biking is such a nice way to see and actually experience the countryside.

TT: What was something that was really important to you as part of your own college experience?

EVT: One thing is that you get more opportunities as you get deeper into a field to specialize and to learn things really deeply, and something that I loved about college is that you can explore all sorts of things. As you go, for example, to graduate school, you kind of lose the opportunity to take classes far outside your area of study. One thing that was really valuable about college was the opportunity to sit with an expert on something that's not what you're going to go into, but that you just find interesting. You get to spend time on that in a rigorous way, just like you would with what you're actually studying.

Chemists have a huge impact on medicine and solving some of the most important problems that the world has.

TT: What is it that drew you to become an instructor at MIT?

EVT: I originally wanted to be a doctor. Growing up, I loved science and medicine and thinking about how the biology of things worked, and I also wanted to do something where I felt like I could help people. And when I got to college I really loved freshman chemistry, and then I got into organic chemistry, which was just by far the most exciting and fun class I had ever taken. I loved the problem-solving aspect of it, and I loved how these molecules were real things, and I was particularly interested in the medicine side of things — all of a sudden I could understand something about the structure and function of the medicines that we take. So I still



NICHOLAS CHORNAY—THE TECH

Cheat Sheet aka that random stuff that never shows up on the test

The Tech: What's your favorite place in the world?

Elizabeth Vogel Taylor: Lake Winnepesaukee.

TT: What three things can you not live without?

EVT: Family, books, and chocolate.

TT: What are you reading right now?

EVT: I'm rereading *Jane Eyre*. I read it once a year. But my favorite book is *All The King's Men*.

TT: If you were an animal, what would you be?

EVT: A water bird so I could sing and swim.

TT: Do you have a favorite bio or chem joke?

EVT: This is from a list of DNA personal ads, which can be found here: <http://theonlinebioblog.blogspot.com/2006/07/dna-personal-ads.html>. "I've been single-stranded too long! Lonely ATGCATG would like to pair up with congenial TACGTAC."

thought, I'm going to be a doctor, and this is good that I love chemistry. Then I decided I would actually major in biochemistry instead of biology, and I took more organic and advanced chemistry classes. I decided, "I'm going to be a chemistry major and still be pre-med," and then not until my junior year when I started research did I realize you actually can help people, and chemists have a huge impact on medicine and solving some of the most important problems that the world has.

In terms of being an instructor, I love school, and I love the idea that you go and sit down in a class, and someone who loves the subject takes all of these really complicated ideas and distills them into something that's easily digestible — that's really exciting. I would probably just go to school

forever if that was a career you could have. I also love it as a teacher. I love reading papers and thinking about how I would dif-

One thing that was really valuable about college was the opportunity to sit with an expert on something that's not what you're going to go into, but that you just find interesting. You get to spend time on that in a rigorous way, just like you would with what you're actually studying.

ferently explain something that was really complicated. It's really fun to work with students. I'm spoiled with MIT students

who are just really excited about learning and bring a new perspective to something you already have thought a lot about.

TT: Could you explain the "getting biologists excited about chemistry" initiative that you work on?

EVT: The Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) has a bunch of different initiatives that they award grants for, and probably the most well-known here at MIT is HHMI Investigators. They also want to revolutionize the way biology and medical sciences are taught so that they are more engaging and get more groups that aren't typically in the sciences into the sciences, so that we're not losing women and under-represented minorities that tend to not be as prevalent as professors, for example.

I'm spoiled with MIT students who are just really excited about learning and who bring a new perspective to something you already have thought a lot about.

One of our programs is to make sure we retain that talent and grab it early before people have decided to do other things with their lives. Basically, we're trying to change the way that people think about chemistry. We have a huge number of pre-medical students and biology majors and biological engineering majors. So we take examples from biology and medicine and show how there are chemical principles that underlie those examples.

The idea with the program is that we put all our money into creating [teaching] materials, and then these materials can be used by other schools. They're meant to be very inexpensive to keep going. We also put a big focus on assessment, and we work with the Teaching and Learning Laboratory here to make sure that what we do is effective.

We also have created a TA training program that has more of a focus on things like supporting and engaging students and using wise criticism to make sure everyone in the class feels supported, but also feels like there are high expectations for them. It's really important to consider the fact that first-year students have needs outside of just passing freshman chemistry — they need to learn how to be good students, they need to understand what their potential is and what they need to do to reach that potential. So we have a lot of resources that we've created for training the teaching assistants, and we're lucky in having MIT

graduate students who are phenomenal researchers but also have a tremendous talent for teaching.

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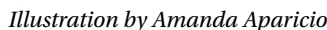
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Wellness Week brings a wealth of information about having a balanced lifestyle

The Undergraduate Association, in addition to many health-focused groups on campus, are here to remind us to take care of ourselves and maintain a healthy lifestyle. This week, the UA Committee on Student Life (CSL) is hosting Wellness Week, during which the UA and other clubs on campus showcase and



Throughout the week there will be various events that students should check out. Here are a few that I think are noteworthy:

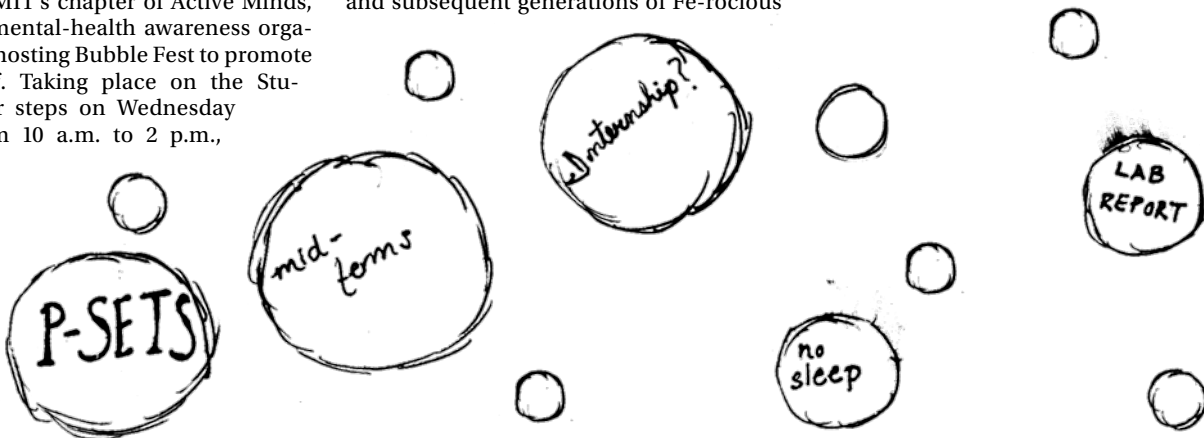
Does the thought of food only come up when your stomach starts growling? Or do you perpetually make plans to exercise that never materialize? The Student Health Advisory Council (SHAC) will be hosting three specialists in nutrition, stress management, and fitness/personal training to help students figure out how to balance health with professional success. A drop-in event from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday titled "What's up Doc?" will be held in the conference room opposite Baker Dining. Stop

— *Cecily C. Koppuzha '12*
WELLNESS WEEK ORGANIZER

Whether you let off some steam through some of the activities or learn how to manage your health better, you will hopefully come away with a happier sense of self after Wellness Week. So the next time someone asks, "How you doin'?" you can respond "well," and mean it in every sense.

We're a school that spawned Iron Man and subsequent generations of Fe-rocious

If popping bubble wrap, blowing giant bubbles and watching them float away, or blowing bubbles with fruity pieces of gum sounds like fun, this will be an event to check out. MIT's chapter of Active Minds, a national mental-health awareness organization, is hosting Bubble Fest to promote stress relief. Taking place on the Student Center steps on Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.,



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Students focus on worldwide issues of hunger, poverty

IDEAS and Global Challenge ask students to address international development problems

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something from prototype to full implementation. It's really neat to start something and follow it from the beginning to the end." Grub-Cycle is a project that seeks to create a waste management system in Kibera, the largest slum in Nairobi, Kenya, and empower local entrepreneurs at the same time. "The idea is that local entrepreneurs can earn money by collecting waste, feed it to the worms, and then sell the pupae to factories that will turn it into animal feed," Oh explained. "We calculate that a person can earn up to \$8/day, which is pretty significant increase from their previous earnings," she said.

Other teams focused on topics like food production and education. Straw Chopper — a group working on a machine that will allow farmers in India to more easily supplement their income through the production of mushrooms — hopes the IDEAS Competition will allow them to put their idea to the test.

"We just started this project 5-6 weeks ago, and it'd be really great if we could make a working prototype, get it to India and show people how to use it," Lusann W. Yang G, a project member, said.

Aakriti Shroff '13, of the Indian Mobile Initiative — a project that will teach Android programming and entrepreneurship to university students in India — was also enthusiastic about her team's project. "India is right on the cusp of innovation, and being right in the middle of it with the students is really exciting. We want to get feedback through this competition and just spread the word about our project."



WILLIAM YEE—THE TECH

Team Maa-Bara members Ogheneruno E. Okiomah G (right) and Elisha R. Goodman G (left) explain their project to the IDEAS Competition judges during the IDEAS poster section on Monday, April 25. Okiomah and Goodman's project focuses on a farming system to help people grow clean food in the oil-polluted land in the Niger Delta.

Judging Criteria

Each team pitches their plan to 3-5 judges, who rank the project based on three criteria: innovation, feasibility and impact.

"We want people to think about a problem in a new way and really have a catch-all 'aha' factor, a gut sense of novelty," said Lars H. Torres, Program Administrator of the IDEAS and Global Challenge.

"These projects need to have a significant social or environmental impact," Melville said, "We ask, 'Will it make a real difference, and do the teams have a well thought-out plan?'"

The final decision of the winners is then made by the core staff and competition sponsors. The top five teams in the community voting competition will also receive \$5000 each.



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Solution to Crossword

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Bruce Friedrich faces off with MIT Debate Team

Vice President of PETA comes to MIT to argue against eating meat, champions veganism

PETA debate, from Page 1

mously agree on this point, Friedrich said, claiming that this showed that people view animals to be an “ethical good.”

Friedrich pointed out that more power is needed to produce meat-based food compared to plant-based food. The vast majority of calories that we feed to an animal is expended for them to simply exist, Friedrich said. As a result, he asserts that “if we are eating meat, we are basically stomping on the Earth in combat boots.”

Friedrich then proceeded to show a sequence of videos from factory farms. The films showed chickens on industrial farms with their beaks clipped off to prevent them from pecking each other to death, along with several birds strung upside-down by their feet on their way to the slaughterhouse.

Rudina countered that Friedrich did not provide an adequate definition of ethics. While Friedrich be-

lieves that a person who eats meat and a person who does not recycle is unethical, Rudina disagreed. She argued that just as a person who neglected to recycle once is not unethical, neither is a person who makes the environmentally less-efficient choice of eating meat. She further disagreed that humans owe a moral responsibility towards animals.

“In order to be given moral consideration, [animals] must be capable of taking moral consideration

‘Every time we sit to eat we can make the decision that we are choosing the side of the oppressed over that of the oppressor.’

—Bruce Friedrich

PETA VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY

of others as well,” Rudina said. She encouraged MIT students to question the scientific robustness of Friedrich’s claims that plant-based food is fourteen times more energy-efficient than meat, because of the complex nature of statistical

studies.

As the debate went on, both sides became increasingly involved with the concept of “black or white” ethics. Friedrich brought up a famous situation proposed by philosopher Peter Singer: in a situation where a man must veer and crash his car in order to save a girl on the street, most people would conclude that an ethical man is compelled to sacrifice his expensive car in favor of a human life. However, in an es-

ceptable even in regards to organic or grass-fed meat products.

“How many people would choose to spend an afternoon slicing chickens’ throats open on a humane farm?” Friedrich asked. “No one!” He has been a vegan since 1987.

This public debate is part of a series of debates about meat ethics that Friedrich has been having on campuses of “top universities” including Harvard, Yale, and the University of Chicago.

“Doing public debates are a great way of letting people see what debate is like and allow them to look at how to approach certain interesting issues” said Julia A. Boortz ’12, president of the debate team. “The philosophy of a debate tournament ... involves being put on a side that you do not necessarily believe in personally.” Boortz added, “It is a great educational experience.”

Rudina was chosen to be the devil’s advocate for the tournament. “I am definitely more mid-

dle-ground than my arguments in this debate,” she said.

During the cross-examination, Rudina was cut-off by a member of the audience who objected to her arguments.

“This extends way beyond dogs or cats” he interrupted loudly, shaking his head. Both Friedrich and Rudina refused to respond to him and Friedrich asked the audience-member not to continue with his statement. According to Boortz, the man who interrupted may have been a local animal rights activist.

A large group of activists were in the audience, though it is unclear how they heard about the event, Boortz said. Friedrich had apologized to the debate team for the presence of the activists. According to Boortz, Friedrich said that he did not know the activists would be at the event and did not like to advertise similar events to local activists because he believed it contributed to a negative debate atmosphere.

After debating MIT’s Parliamentary Debate Team, Bruce Friedrich, PETA Vice President of policy and government affairs, sat down with *The Tech* to discuss his views on the ethical treatment of animals.

The Tech: What is your most compelling reason for being vegetarian or vegan?

Bruce Friedrich: When people eat meat, they are entering into a mercenary relationship where they are paying people to mutilate animals, coop animals in their own excrement, ship them in all manners of weather and to chop their throats open often while they are still conscious. This causes animals to suffer [in a way] that would warrant cruelty charges many times over were these protected animals such as dogs or cats. There is no integrity in that. Again, it is a mercenary relationship. How many times in our lives do we pay others to do things that we ourselves wouldn’t do because we have ethical objections? Every time we sit to eat we can make the decision that we are choosing the side of the oppressed over that of the oppressor.

TT: So if I were a farmer or a hunter, would that be acceptable to eat meat then, if I killed the animal myself?

BF: That is a different discussion from what is the strongest argument for MIT students not to eat. You could not personally deal with all the meat in grocery stores, the dining halls, the restaurants. All these animals are gratuitously abused. In terms of hunting, the discussion is if you choose to be merciful and compassionate or to support misery and cruelty. A lot of hunters choose to do the things that causes suffering and misery; they could be hunting with binoculars and a camera instead of hunting with lethal weapons.

TT: I’d like a really straight forward answer: Is it possible to have humane meat?

BF: A lot of meat eaters say humane meat is possible and they use that as their rationalization. For the same reason that we would not raise dogs and cats to eat them, we understand that they are someone instead of something. We shouldn’t do that with animals.

TT: So to rephrase, humane meat is not possible.

BF: Humane meat is not possible. It is a contradiction in terms. In fact, if you google humane meat and my name, you will get the Huffington Post article I wrote about it.

TT: Just to get more of a clarification on your position, I know that you are vegan; are humane animal-products possible?

BF: Yeah, if you rescue a chicken. But that is literally 0 percent of the eggs in grocery stores. All of the eggs commercially available are where the males are tossed alive into grinders because they are a different breed. Even in places like Polyface farms,

the animals are treated fine on the farms, but the animals are brought from the same breeders where the males are tossed into the grinders and when their egg production decreases, they have their throats slit open while they are completely conscious.

TT: So you are saying that humane animal-products are possible, but are not commercially available right now

BF: The only non-vegan product that could be done acceptably is eggs. With milk, you are talking about manipulating an animal’s reproductive function, taking their babies away from them and slaughtering the animals at a fraction of their natural life span. All of that involves unnecessary suffering on the part of the animal.

TT: What about animal husbandry, is that acceptable?

BF: No, that is still manipulation of the animal’s reproductive system. It may entail less abuse, but it is still abuse.

TT: So is it the cruelty and misery that is most important?

BF: Any time you eat meat, you are eating the corpse of someone. This isn’t different from doing that to a dog or cat; people in this room would never eat a cat. It is completely irrational to say that I won’t eat a dog or a cat, but I will eat a pig or a chicken.

TT: But who is to say that it is unethical to eat a dog or a cat?

BF: Because you are eating someone instead of something. And that is a side discussion. You could make the case that everyone is just wrong in their objection to eating dogs and cats. But my point in the whole debate is that I don’t have to change what they currently believe. I just have to convince them to align their beliefs with their actions.

TT: What if people, instead of aligning their actions with their previous beliefs, align their beliefs with their previous actions?

BF: I think if you ask people at the end of the debate if cruelty to animals is wrong, none of them are going to change. I don’t think people are going to change their ethics to be unethical. They may continue to live in violation of their ethics. I think it is very unlikely that people will change those beliefs because they are so ethically inarguable.

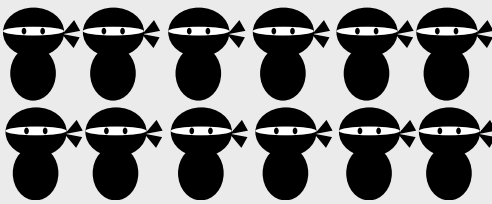
TT: What do you think about the ethics of doing animal testing for science and medicine?

BF: Just as someone would recoil about doing animal research on human beings. Animals are not test tubes with whiskers and fur, and they should not be used as a means to an end. It is my understanding that MIT’s research is especially cruel and heinous. Someone sent me some articles and I didn’t read it. But even if those articles were not true ...



NICHOLAS CHORNAY—THE TECH

PETA Vice President of Policy Bruce Friedrich presents his view on the ethics of eating meat during a debate on Monday, April 25, in 10-250.



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A plate of lentil köfte, a traditional Turkish dish, was served during iFair on Friday, April 22. MIT's international student groups shared their culinary uniqueness at this annual cultural showcase, held on Kresge Oval.

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Men’s Heavyweight Rowing team beats Colgate University

The MIT Heavyweight Men’s Crew swept Colgate University in two races Saturday morning in the Charles River Basin. The freshman eight, stroked by Michael R. Klinker ’14, started off the day’s action. The Engineers’ firepower proved too much for the Colgate Raiders, as MIT took a lead at the start and extended it throughout the race. MIT won with a time of 6 minutes 14 seconds, 30 seconds ahead of Colgate. The freshmen race next weekend in Hanover, N.H. against Dartmouth College and the University of Wisconsin.

The varsity four, stroked by Matthew J. Pegler ’11, faced a tougher challenge from the Colgate four, which was stroked by James Clinton, a member of the Canadian under-23 team. The Engineers took a small early lead off the start, but this lead was quickly eroded. The lead changed hands several times, but no crew ever had an advantage of more than a few meters. Coming into the final 20 strokes, Colgate led by a fraction of a second, but a strong final push by the Engineers put their bow in front as they crossed the line. MIT won with a time of 6:41.95 by an official margin of one foot.

—Lucas Goodman, Team Representative

MIT Men’s Tennis overtakes Wheaton College 6-3

This Saturday, the MIT Men’s Tennis team won their 11th match overall, beating Wheaton College 6-3. MIT won four of the six singles matches and two of the three doubles matches. Ken Van Tilburg ’11 and Curtis L. Wu ’14 were the top singles winners for the Engineers, earning second and fourth place, respectively. Wheaton’s Neall Oliver was a standout for the Lyons, winning first singles and first doubles. However, it was MIT’s depth that helped the Engineers come out on top on Saturday. Larry Pang ’13 and Wu won second doubles, and Edwin M. Zhang ’14 and Andrew C. Cooper ’13 won third doubles. Coming into the match, the MIT Men’s Tennis team was rated seventh in the region and 23rd nationally, and they leave as the top seed for Saturday’s NEWMAC tournament, which will be held at home. This was Wheaton’s first loss in league-play, and they will be second seed heading into the tournament.

—Sarah Weir

Cycling extends conference lead
MIT wraps up regular season with four races in N.H.

By Matthieu Talpe
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

The MIT Cycling team competed in its final regular-season race weekend April 16–17 and continued to extend its lead in the Eastern Collegiate Cycling Conference ahead of the conference championships. The four-race weekend consisted of two races held at Dartmouth College on Saturday and two races organized by the University of New Hampshire on Sunday.

Saturday’s early morning individual time trial (ITT) featured a 3.75-mile course with a 524-foot climb in Hanover, N.H. Starting on the banks of the Connecticut River, cyclists rode through Dartmouth’s campus, out and up half a mile of dirt road to the ridge overlooking Hanover. Zachary A. LaBry G was the quickest MIT rider in the hill-climb time trial with a time

The Cycling team continued to extend its lead in the ECCC ahead of the championships.

of 11 minutes 43.87 seconds, finishing eighth in the men’s A field that also saw six MIT riders place in the top 30. Zachary W. Ulissi G scored in the men’s B field, also placing eighth. Team captain Katie J. Quinn G continued to assert her dominance in the female field, finishing first in 12:45.30, more than 15 seconds ahead of perennial rival Anna McLoon of Harvard. Teammates Yuri Matsumoto G and Christina M. Birch G rounded out the top places with respective third- and fourth-place finishes. Shaena R. Ber-

lin ’13 also scored points with a strong performance in the B category, as did Maria A. Berezina G and Kristine D. Johnson G in the C category.

The Frat Row Criterium followed the ITT. The famed criterium lost part of its personality when the organizers discarded “carnage corner.” In previous years, the 180° downhill-to-up-hill, gravel-filled turn had splintered countless fields, crashed out many riders, and generally been the single most defining spot of the course. With a new four-corner criterium, many of the races were won in mass sprint finishes. A notable exception was Quinn, who crossed the finish line alone in the women’s A race, successfully riding away from Dartmouth’s Elle Anderson in the final laps. MIT fielded cyclists in every field (except for intro categories) and, notably, had seven starters in the men’s A race. Highlights of the many scoring performances include Michael J. Frankovich G and Samuel W. Hickey G placing third and fifth, respectively, in the men’s B field, and Samuel M. Nicaise G scoring his first points in a mass-start race with a seventh-place finish in the men’s D.

Sunday’s races were held two hours away in Strafford, N.H. The rainy conditions did not deter MIT from competing in and crushing the morning team time trial event. MIT women’s teams topped all female categories, while the MIT’s men A team (Michael L. Garrett G, John J. Rhoden G, LaBry, and captain Spencer D. Schaber G) finished second. MIT’s second male A team of three (Joseph P. Near G, Andrew C. Lysaght G, Adam P. Bry G) completed the 9.6-mile course a mere 0.23 seconds away from fourth place.

The overcast conditions finally gave way to sunny blue skies, drying the roads just in time for the fourth and last event of the weekend. The anticipated road race featured a 19.9-mile course through the undulating

New Hampshire landscape. The C and D categories tackled two loops of the course first. Unfortunately, marshaling mistakes led the front pack of women C, including MIT’s Berezina and Diana Siegel G, off course, stopping their race early from what would have been top finishes. In the men’s C

It was another successful weekend of racing — MIT dominated with numbers and sheer strength.

race, Steven Ji ’11 won the field sprint and placed 11th overall. The women’s A and B field raced three loops of the course, and the trio of Martha W. Buckley G, Matsumoto, and Quinn used their numbers and team tactics to ride away from the field and finish 1-2-3, respectively. In the men’s B race, only 7 seconds separated first place from 12th, as the pack finished with a sprint up the course’s steepest climb. Frankovich placed fourth, and female teammate Laura R. Ralston G — a usual podium finisher in the women’s A field — outlasted most of the men’s field by placing 11th. The winning move in the men’s A field was initiated by Harvard’s Stuart McManus at the base of the last climb, 79 miles into the 80-mile race. Bry headed the MIT contingent with a 15th place finish and teammate Rhoden right behind in 18th place.

All in all, it was another successful weekend of racing during which MIT dominated with numbers and sheer strength. Quinn now holds the series jersey as the overall conference female leader, and the MIT Cycling team leads the ECCC points with 1567 points, 570 more than second-place Harvard.

Tennis earns two more wins
MIT still undefeated going into final match of season

By Jennifer Rees
TEAM REPRESENTATIVE

Last Wednesday MIT Women’s Tennis had a long match against Brandeis University. The number one team of Lauren C. Quisenberry ’14 and Candace L. Wu ’14 lost 8-3 to their opponents. The number two doubles team of Julia C. Hsu ’14 and Bianca M. Dumitrascu ’13 dominated the court and won their match 8-4. The doubles team of Melissa A. Diskin ’11 and Katharine A. O’Neal ’14 defeated their opponents 8-5, giving MIT a 2-1 lead.

In singles, Wu destroyed her opponent 6-1, 6-1, while Quisenberry made quick work of her opponent and won 6-2, 6-3. Dumitrascu lost 6-2, 6-2, making the score 4-2. The rest of the matches were longer and close in competition. Hsu came

back from losing the first set to win in three, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5. O’Neal took the first set in the tiebreaker and then lost the second set. She took the match in the third set tie break, winning 7-6(4), 2-6, 10-7. Diskin lost the first set but took the second set in a tiebreaker. She ended up losing the match in a third set tie break 5-7, 7-6(5), 10-3. This gave MIT the win with a score of 6-3.

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Saturday was senior day for the team, who honored their four seniors Sonya Makhni ’11, Jenny C. Dohlman ’11, Diskin, and Jennifer A. Rees ’11, after which the match against Simmons commenced.

Quisenberry and Wu dominated the court and defeated their oppo-

nents 8-3. Next off was the team of Hsu and Diskin, who played a tough match with both teams attacking the net. They lost in the tiebreak 9-8(2). Dohlman and Rees also had a tough match but pulled it out in the tiebreak with 9-8(2). This gave MIT the lead 2-1. Wu and Hsu both took care of business and won their matches 6-0, 6-0. Quisenberry also had a decisive match, winning hers 6-1, 6-2. Dohlman played a tough match and lost 6-0, 6-1. Trinity P. Leonard ’13 in exhibition played well and defeated her opponent 8-2. Diskin came back after losing the first set. She took it to a third set where she won 3-6, 6-1, 7-5. Rees played a long match but ended winning 6-2, 6-1. This gave MIT the win of 7-2.

This spring season, MIT has gone undefeated, which has not happened for years. They have one more away match next weekend against Trinity.

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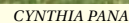


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But this is not an easy task. "With more lab classes this semester, I'm usually working during the day on the 2.007 robot or on getting tests run in the wind tunnel for Course 16 ... then practice or glassblowing in the evenings ... I get home late, but I try to keep sleep time close to eight hours. The weekends usually end up being free from work.

For now, Isaac takes delight in his free time. "I often enjoy walking around Newbury, the Boston Common, and Faneuil Hall/North End areas, or going to random hole-in-the-wall bars when I can convince my friends to punt work with me. I also ride my bike a lot, dream about my motorcycle back home (especially when the weather is nice), and hang out in the MIT Glass Lab a lot, all while trying to avoid the 'wing-manning' of Bobby Weber '13."



A photograph of four MIT sailboats racing on a body of water. The sailboats have white sails with large red numbers (1, 2, 6, 4) and "MIT" printed on them. The boat with number 1 is labeled "Lowell North". The background shows a green lawn, trees, and a red brick building.

The MIT Women's Sailing team competed at the Reed Trophy on Saturday, April 23. The team finished 12th out of 14, missing out on nationals.



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